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Fact Sheet

**US Government Assistance to the residents of Nablus in support of
Palestinian Authority Efforts to Revive the City**

In support of the Palestinian Authority, the U.S. government is launching nine new projects to help the citizens of Nablus. These projects will begin immediately. The Department of State Office of Public Diplomacy and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) have allocated more than \$1.3 million to these projects, which include:

Construction of the Irak El Tayeh Girls' School: With an investment of \$450,000, USAID will work with the Ministry of Education to complete construction and finishing work on a school of 14 classrooms. The project will be completed in 3-5 months, and will create jobs for Nablus residents during its implementation.

Support Nablus Social Service Facilities: In consultation with the PA, USAID will invest \$500,000 to renovate social service facilities.

Renovate and Equip the Public Notary Office at Nablus Court: In cooperation with the Supreme Judicial Council, USAID will renovate, rehabilitate, and equip the notary office to provide more efficient services to the residents of Nablus. This project will cost \$72,000 and will be completed in November.

Nablus City School Clean-up Campaign: The USAID-funded Ruwaad Youth Corps will organize a clean-up and basic renovation campaign in public schools across Nablus City in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Youth and Sports. Initially, seven schools will launch the program, eventually all PA-run public schools in the city will benefit. Over \$50,000 is being allocated to this project.

Equip Regional Ministry of Transportation Offices: In partnership with the Ministry of Transportation, USAID/OTI will refurbish and equip the regional ministerial office in Nablus, enabling the Ministry to extend services such as vehicle registration, driving exams, and drivers' licenses issuance to citizens in Nablus City. Cost: over \$100,000

Extra-curricular activities program in Nablus schools: Through a \$50,000 grant from the Department of State, Palestinian NGO Al Nayzak will work with the Ministry of Education to institute an after school activity program in select public schools in Nablus, with the hopes of expanding the program to all schools in the future.

Opening Community Learning Center: Working with the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Youth and Sport, Relief International Schools OnLine (RISOL) will implement a \$50,000 Department of State grant to set up a Community Learning Center for the youth of Nablus and to begin youth enrichment activities at the center immediately.

Youth Media Literacy Program: The local Young Journalist Forum will train Nablus area youth to become media literate and to produce three radio and television programs on youth-oriented issues for local airing. This \$11,000 Department of State grant will be implemented in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Information.

Art Expression classes for at-risk children: With a \$90,000 grant from the Department of State, the Sabreen Association for Artistic Development will work with the Ministry of Education to conduct art expression classes for up to 1,000 at-risk children in public schools in Nablus.

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